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SUBJECT: ISRAELI VISA FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR

1. SENATOR BAKER HAS BROUGHT TO DEPT'S ATTENTION PROBLEM OF HIS CONSTITUENT DONNIE BARNES, CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR, WHO CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN UNABLE EITHER OBTAIN OR BE FORMALLY REFUSED ISRAELI VISA. BARNES AND HIS CHURCH COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO WRITTEN PRESIDENT. BARNES WISHES ENTER ISRAEL TO ASSUME DUTIES AS FULL TIME ADMINISTRATOR OF GALILEE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN EILABOUN (PH.) NEAR NAZARETH.

2. BARNES CLAIMS THAT GOI WILL PERMIT RESIDENCE OF ONLY TWO CHURCH OF CHRIST MISSIONARIES. IN PAST THIS MEANT ONE OF TWO HAD TO RUN SCHOOL (FOUNDED 1966) BUT NOW SCHOOL HAS GROWN TO OVER 200 STUDENTS AND CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOOL WANTS FULL TIME ADMINISTRATOR, IN ADDITION TWO MISSIONARY FAMILIES.

3. BARNES CLAIMS HE MADE FIRST VISA APPLICATION TO ISRAELI CONGEN ATLANTA APRIL 1973; APPLICATION AND PASSPORTS RETURNED WITHOUT EXPLANATION. APPLICATION RESUBMITTED ATLANTA JULY 17, WITH COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTATION TO MININT JERUSALEM. BARNES CLAIMS ISRAELI CONGEN ATLANTA REFUSES

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RESPOND YEA OR NAY AND, MOREOVER, THAT QUERIES BY ONE OF

HIS TWO COLLEAGUES IN ISRAEL IN PERSON TO MININT HAVE NOT
BEEN ANSWERED.

4. REQUEST YOU APPROACH GOI AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND
SEEK CLARIFICATION OF GOI'S HANDLING OF BARNES' VISA
APPLICATION, AND OF RATIONALE FOR VISA REFUSAL IF THIS
IS TO BE OUTCOME.

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